



Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Forest, Mineral, and Fire Management Division



MICHIGAN FOREST STEWARDSHIP ASSESSMENT

Required by authority of Part 501 of Act 451, PA 1994 as amended, to determine landowner goals and objectives prior to preparing a management plan under the Forest Stewardship Program.

The Forest Stewardship Act of 1990 provides cost-sharing assistance for owners of non-industrial private lands, who have an approved Forest Stewardship Plan.

The Michigan Landowner Forest Stewardship Plan is divided into two sections. The first section is designed to help landowners assess their goals and objectives for the parcel. This assessment section should be filled out by the landowner in cooperation with a consulting forester or other natural resource professional. The assessment should include a reconnaissance of the property by the forester with the landowner whenever possible.

The second part of this plan is the technical portion entitled the "Michigan Landowner Forest Stewardship Plan". It involves putting together a management plan map, detailing the existing forest conditions and describing action to be taken. This section should be done by a consulting forester or other natural resource professional.

Landowner Assessment

(To be Completed by Landowner and Resource Professional)

General Information:

Landowners(s) (Last Name First)		Home Telephone Number: ()
Street Address:	City, State and Zip Code:	Work Telephone Number: ()

Parcel Located:

Legal Description:				
Section:	Township:	Range:	County:	Township:
Acres in Forest Stewardship Plan:		Total Land Ownership:		
Parcel Also Enrolled In:	Commercial Forest Act	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Tree Farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Private Forest Reserve Act	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Western UP Forest Improvement District	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Ownership:	<input type="checkbox"/> Deed <input type="checkbox"/> Land Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Other			How long have you owned this land?

Brief statement of your overall goals and objectives for this land:	
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Are you presently working with a resource professional, or have you ever worked with one for the management of natural resources on your property? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If so, who?
Have you received any cost share assistance in the last 10 years (ACP, FIP, CRP)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, note location and acreage:

Rank the following forest values in your order of priority (1 being the highest):	
_____ Aesthetics	_____ Wildlife
_____ Timber Production	_____ Recreation
_____ Water & Soil Quality	_____ Fishery
_____ Wetland/Riparian Area Protection	_____ Reforestation
_____ Rare/Endangered Plants/Animals	_____ Other (indicate): _____

Comment or expand on landowner interests:	
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Have you, or will you, be investing time or money toward achieving your forest goals? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	(Optional) If so, what is your estimate of your yearly contribution in hours and/or dollars?
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Timber Management:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Do you have a forest management plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Have you ever sold sawlogs, pulpwood or firewood?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Are you willing to have trees cut on your property for the following reasons?			
• Cash Return on Present timber Value	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Enhancement of Future Economic Value	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Improve Wildlife Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Improve Other Forest Values (i.e. Recreation, Tree Health)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Firewood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have any active plans for a timber sale?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Comments:

Wildlife

Does this parcel contain any of the following wildlife habitat types (check those that you consider significant)?

☐ Old Fields
☐ Apple Trees
☐ Beaver Pond
☐ Natural Marsh
☐ Deer Wintering Area
☐ Aspen Stand
☐ Alder Stand

☐ Spring Seeps
☐ Areas showing Bear use
☐ Brooks or Streams
☐ Oak Stands
☐ Cedar Stands
☐ Other (explain): *(if checked, their location should be indicated on the plan's map.)*

Is it important to you to protect and improve wildlife habitat on your land? If so, what species are most important to you?

Do you know of any threatened or endangered plant or animal species on the parcel?
☐ Yes
☐ No
If yes, describe kind and approximate location.

Wetlands and Riparian Areas

Do you know of any wetlands on the parcel?
☐ Yes
☐ No
If yes, have it mapped on your plan!

Do you want to develop, restore or protect them? Please describe:

Fisheries

Are there any streams or ponds on this parcel? Do you have any concerns about them?

Recreation

Are there any significant regional trails on or adjacent to the parcel? (Example might include snowmobile trail, cross-country ski trail, or old railroad bed.)
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't Know
If yes, describe type - location will be shown on plan's map.

Are there any local or personal use trails on the parcel?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't Know
If yes, describe the type - location will be shown on the plan's map.

What is the level of the following outdoor recreational activities that occurs on the parcel?

Activity

None

Moderate

Substantial

Don't Know

Hiking

Nature Walks

Snowmobiling

Horseback Riding

Cross-Country Skiing

ATV or Motorcycling

Mountain Biking

Hunting

Fishing

Bird Watching

Other (specify)

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Aesthetics

Is any portion of your land visible from a regularly traveled road, public trail, or state highway?
☐ Yes
☐ No
(if Yes, see next question)

If yes, are there any activities planned in the next 10 years that might have an impact on the visual quality of the area seen from these roads and trails?
☐ Yes
☐ No

Describe any concerns:

Cultural/Historic

Are there any registered historic sites on the parcel? ☐ Yes ☐ No **If yes, location will be shown on the plan's map.**

Are there any structures or sites on the parcel that you consider to have cultural or historic significance and that you would like to protect?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, locations will be shown on the plan's maps.

Unique Features

Are there any unique geological or natural features on the parcel? Examples might be a waterfall, gravel area, very large or exotic species of trees.

☐ Yes (**If yes, locations will be shown on the plan's map.**) ☐ No

Other Forest Activities

Do you plan any other activities on the parcel in the next 10 years? (i.e. Christmas tree production, maple syrup production, nursery operation, pond construction, subdivision, building construction, other.) ☐ Yes (**If yes, proceed to next question.**) ☐ No

If **yes**, describe the activities planned including the general location:

Area	Activity

Windbreaks

Do you feel you would like to have any windbreaks or shelters built? ☐ Yes ☐ No **If yes, please describe:**

Miscellaneous

Are you interested in making sure your land will remain a stewardship forest beyond your ownership? ☐ Yes ☐ No If you would like information on land trusts and estate planning, this information is available through your County Extension Service office as **Extension Bulletin E-2120; Wills, Probate & Estate Planning.**

I have been informed about the Michigan Landowner Forest Stewardship Program and understand how to proceed to make my land a Stewardship Forest.

Landowner's Signature

Date

Natural Resources Professional's Signature
(Who assisted the landowner with this assessment.)

Date

Upon signature of both the landowner and the professional, submit this assessment for signature by the State Forester or his/her designee. After the State Forester (or designee) has signed it, the original will be returned to the Plan Writer, a copy will be retained in the files and a copy will be provided to the landowner.

Received by:

State Forester's or Designee's Signature

Date